

# The Seminole County Historical Society

## 2020

### Collegiate Scholarship

The Seminole County Historical Society 2020 Collegiate Scholarship is awarded to an individual in one of three categories:

1. a graduating Seminole County high school senior (public, private, virtual, or home school) that has a GPA of at least 3.5 and is planning to pursue an undergraduate degree with a concentrated study of a minimum of 18 credit hours in History at an accredited college or university in the United States in 2020.
2. an undergraduate college student with a GPA of at least 3.0 and is a History major or minor, is enrolled at either Seminole State College or the University of Central Florida, and will not graduate until after December 2020.
3. a graduate student with a GPA of at least 3.0 enrolled in a Master's degree program in the Department of History at the University of Central Florida who will not graduate until after December 2020.

This is a one-time financial award in the amount of \$1000. The award may be used to pay tuition or to reimburse the purchase of textbooks used in college classes. Winner will also receive a one-year student membership in the Seminole County Historical Society. Winner may also receive other recognition including but not limited to an award plaque, certificate of achievement, etc.

Applicants must reside in Seminole County. Applicants must be citizens of the United States.

Please read *all four (4) pages* of this packet before proceeding with the entry and feel free to contact us with any questions.

### Requirements

Applicants must submit the following materials completed in full:

- Scholarship Application
- An essay with a minimum required length of 1000 words about a historical event, historical site, an individual, or historic object in or from Seminole County, Florida, to be selected by applicant. All submissions must be the original work of the applicant and must be typed using either the Chicago/Turabian Manual of Style to include Times New Roman font, proper spelling and grammar, punctuation, citations (in-text or footnotes) and a bibliography. If selecting an individual, they do not have to be of celebratory status, but must have been in some way historically significant to the growth and development of Seminole County. Please do not use Wikipedia as a source. Plagiarized works will disqualify the scholarship application.
- A image or photograph, (minimum size 4x6 and maximum size 8x 10) related to the historical event, historical site, or historical object selected. Photo may be in color or black and white, and must be printed on photo quality paper. Photos not printed on photo quality paper will not be accepted and application considered incomplete.

- A typed personal statement of at least 500 words that indicates the student's background, academic and personal achievements, and future goals in history including education and/or career objectives.
- One letter of recommendation from the student's principle, guidance counselor, teacher, other mentor (EX. coach or pastor), professor, thesis advisor, Department chair, etc.
- An official transcript or other proof of attendance and GPA.
- Unofficial copy of proof of Seminole County residency and citizenship.

Mail all completed applications to:

Seminole County Historical Society  
 ATTN: SCHS 2020 Collegiate Scholarship Chair  
 P.O. Box 953543  
 Lake Mary, Florida 32795-3543

### **Important Information**

All applications must be postmarked by **February 28, 2020**.

Only applications completed correctly and submitted in one package will be considered. Incomplete or incorrect applications will be disqualified.

Scholarship winners will receive notification on or about May 15. Only scholarship winners are notified.

No application materials are returned. All applications become the property of the Seminole County Historical Society. Select submissions will be placed in yearbooks located in the Research Room of the Museum of Seminole County History for the enjoyment and/or use of history enthusiasts and researchers.

Awards are based on academic merit, originality, accuracy, and commitment to the field of study.

ONLY THE WINNER is notified of judge's decisions following approval of committee. At that time, the applicant notified of a pending scholarship award will be required to submit their social security number. Scholarships must be used within one year of date of award or it is forfeited.

Students may reapply for this scholarship, but they must no use previously submitted materials (including essay)

Awards are placed on deposit with the college or university; any unused portion shall be returned to the Society.

No affiliation with the Seminole County Historical Society is necessary.

*The Seminole County Historical Society awards scholarships to qualified applicants regardless of race, religion, gender, national origin or disability.*

## Scholarship FAQ

### **Do I need to be a member of the Seminole County Historical Society in order to apply?**

No. Membership in the Seminole County Historical Society is not required.

### **What should be in my personal statement?**

Your personal statement should reflect your interests and achievements in American history. Please include academic and extracurricular projects including jobs, internships or volunteer work, as well as any future goals concerning education and/or career.

### **Does the 1000-word minimum include citations and bibliography?**

No, the 1000-word minimum is only text. Your citations and bibliography DO NOT count towards satisfying the minimum required word count.

### **What is an official transcript?**

Consult your school guidance counselor or the Registrar's Office at your college.

### **I am a college student. Can I really apply for this scholarship?**

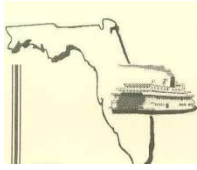
Yes! This scholarship is open to any undergraduate (history major or history minor) or graduate student (in the UCF Department of History) who is a resident of Seminole County and will not graduate before December 2020.

### **I have applied for (or won) this scholarship or a similar scholarship from SCHS before. Can I apply again?**

Yes! As long as you meet the requirements outlined in the application packet and submit a new/original application for the year in which you are applying.

### **I have a question that isn't listed here. How do I get an answer?**

For any other questions, please email Deborah L. Bauer at [DeborahL.Bauer@aol.com](mailto:DeborahL.Bauer@aol.com).



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## 2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**INSTRUCTIONS:** The application packet must be complete and arranged in the order listed below. **ALL required documents must be received by February 28, 2020 in a SINGLE PACKAGE. DO NOT include photographs of the applicant.** Scholarships are judged and awarded without regard to race, religion, gender, national origin or disability. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Scholarship Application
- \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship essay (Typed)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photograph related to Essay Topic
- \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Statement (Typed)
- \_\_\_\_\_ One Letter of Recommendation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unofficial transcript or other proof of attendance and GPA.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Proof of residency and citizenship (NO picture ID please! If submitting a copy of a photo ID please cover the picture entirely or application cannot be considered!)

Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial	Email Address	(    ) Telephone number
Permanent Address	City	State, Zip
Check One:    (    ) High School Senior      (    ) Undergrad College Student      (    ) Graduate College Student		
High School/College Name		Current GPA
High School/College Mailing Address		
High School Guidance Counselor/College Professor (First & Last Name)		Guidance Counselor/Professor Telephone #
High School Guidance Counselor/College Professor Email Address		
Name of College/University that You Plan to Attend or Are Currently Attending		
Address of the College/University that You Plan to Attend or Are Currently Attending		
At the time of this application, have you been accepted to the college/university that you listed above?      __ Y __ N		
Title of Your Essay: _____		